

PHILS' ROAD RECORD BIG BOOST TO PENNANT CHANCES—"BLACKLISTED," BY VAN LOAN

STRENGTH OF PHILLIES ON ROAD BASIS FOR STRONG PENNANT HOPES

Moran's Club Has Won More Games Abroad Than It Has Suffered Defeats—Schedule Favorable to Chances for Flag—Next Western Trip Finds Team Well Fortified.

The Phillies are scheduled to start on their second Western trip after Saturday's game with Cincinnati and it is this trip that will be the crucial one of the season for the Phillies.

To date the Phillies have made the unusual record of winning more games on the road than they have lost. This is even more unusual when one considers that the Phillies had one losing streak on the road in which six games out of eight played with Boston and Brooklyn were dropped.

Record of Road and Home Victories

It must also be taken into consideration that the Phillies opened the season with 11 victories out of the first 12 starts and as their record at the present time is 42 victories and 34 defeats, it will be seen that the Phillies have not had an even break since the first two weeks of the season.

No club has ever won a National League pennant without at least .600, although it seems certain that the winner this season will be under that mark. Close figuring would place the winning percentage at .580.

Schedule of Games Appears to Favor Phils

One thing in favor of the Phillies is the National League schedule. It was generally believed that the local team was at a disadvantage in having to take a trip West after the Western teams were through the East.

But four more games are to be played in Brooklyn, four in New York and five in Boston. None of these teams have that many games to play the Phillies in this city except Boston, but as Alexander and Mayer have been particularly effective against the Eastern teams the Phillies' chances are exceedingly bright.

The 17 victories against 15 defeats for the season on the road is a better record than any other team in the league has made and it is an absolute necessity for a team to play well on the road if it is to be in the pennant race.

Many Games Lost by One-run Margin

That the batting slump was a terrible handicap to the pitchers is evident from the fact that the Phillies have lost 14 games by one run, all of them being games where the opposing team did not tally more than five runs and in but three of these did their opponents make as many as five.

In the last eight games the Phillies have averaged over four runs per game, which is also considerably over their year's average, while the pitchers have held the opposing teams to an average of a little over two runs per game, showing another improvement.

Moran's Tactics Show Confidence in Fighting Chance for Flag

The Phillies will not play off yesterday's postponed game until August 23. It was generally believed that the game would be played in a double-header today or tomorrow, as it would mean a lot of money to both clubs to have another twin bill while the Phillies and Cubs are battling for the pennant.

Yesterday's crowd was the largest of the season, and a double-header today or tomorrow probably would draw a still larger throng, but Manager Moran realizes that the pitching staff is his main hope for the pennant, and with two double-headers scheduled with the Reds later in the week, Moran realizes that it would hurt the team's chances to add still another.

The Phillies are staking everything on winning, as has been proved by several moves recently which placed the playing end of the team before the financial end. Although he will not talk about winning the pennant, Moran must have a strong notion that the Phils are going to stay up in the race, or he would not sacrifice all this money for his employers.

Cubs Have Slugging Team Like Phils of Old

Rain deprived the Phillies of a double triumph over Bresnahan's team, and while the first game was close, the Cubs did not look nearly so good as they did on Saturday. It is a team that is thriving on long hits, and nothing else. If it wins the pennant in the National League, the fans may rest assured the league is woefully weak.

The first game was close because Mayer either eased up too soon or was fast weakening. Until the last two innings Mayer pitched splendid ball, after a bad start. With men on bases he was particularly effective, while Humphries apparently felt the heat. He lost the hop to his fast ball and his curve was not breaking right after the middle of the game.

Demaree on Easy Road to Fourth Victory

Al Demaree went to the mound for the second game, and he went off in great shape. There is little doubt that Demaree would have registered his fourth consecutive victory had not the rain interrupted. The Cubs were a disappointed and lifeless team after the Phillies went off with a three-run lead, obtained at the expense of Southpaw Vaughn.

Bresnahan's Kick on Bancroft's Homer Prevented Second Defeat

Dave Bancroft's home-run drive, which was in a large measure responsible for the Phillies' victory, was a fluke affair. The ball went into the little closet on the scoreboard. This closet is used for storing the scoreboard material and to shelter the boys from the sun, but yesterday it proved of value in run-producing.

Manager Bresnahan had little to say about the right of this hit to count as a home run until it developed that the Cubs were beaten by one tally, and then he let out a roar. He consumed so much time arguing the point with Umpire Higler between games that the second contest was late in starting.

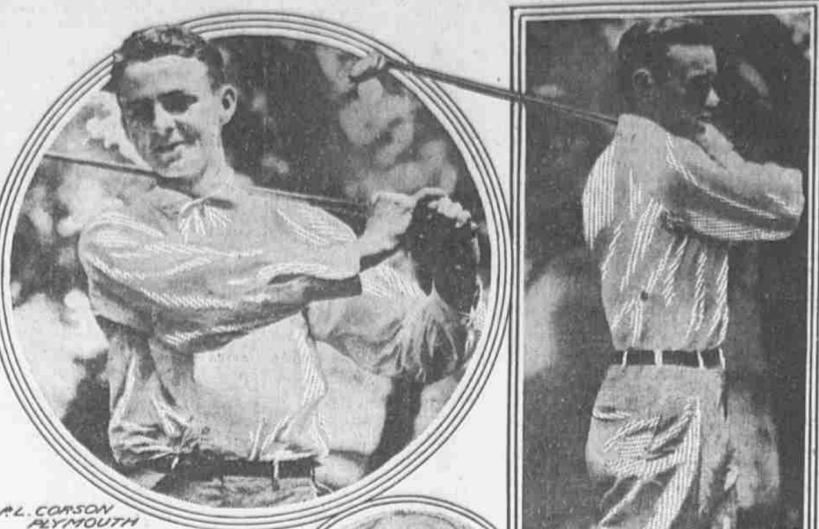
Giants at Last Land in First Division

The Giants are coming along at a great clip. They jumped from sixth to fourth place by defeating the Cardinals for the third successive time. This defeat was the sixth in succession for the Cardinals, and they are likely to remain in the second division for the rest of the season.

The Giants are now within striking distance of first place, and a great spurt may yet place McGraw's team on top. Charley Dooin is given a great deal of credit for bringing the pitching staff around and he is doing the bulk of the catching.

Several fans have asked what has become of Larry McLean since he was released by Media, of the Delaware County League, and Pitcher Russell Ford, unconditionally released by Buffalo. McLean is now playing with Donlin's All-Stars, according to press agents for that team, while Ford is slated to pitch for the Pullmans, a star independent team in Buffalo, which plays two games a week.

SNAPPED ON THE GOLF COURSE AT PHILMONT



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Some Inside Stuff Learned by Mr. Biggs, and the Situation in the League—With Incidental Remarks About One Jimmy Dougherty, the "Flea."

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN

The World's Most Famous Writer of Baseball Fiction. Mr. Biggs, who tells the story, is a member of the Philadelphia club in the country, and the weakest pitcher that ever soiled on a strike ball.

Well, he was at first, though I ought to have had more sense than to trust a man with a long, hatchet face whittled down sharp in the chin, a long nose whittled to a point at the end, and a long, stiff upper lip. He had a kind of a bad eye, too—sort of a blue-gray color—and all but he could look at you an inch like a cat.

"Do you want I should pitch this afternoon?" I asked him. He laughed, one of them quiet, sarcastic laughs of his. "You're in a terrible hurry, young feller," he says. "No, I wouldn't wish to care to have you pitch this afternoon, but if it's all the same to you I'd like to have you pitch some this morning."

"I'll never say that Ike Small ain't onto his job. He is; I'll give him that much credit, anyway. He showed me more about pitching in that one hour than I learned all my life—and he told me the why of everything. I had a few trifling little faults when I first broke into the league baseball—and I reckon Christy Mathewson had his own little faults, too."

"The best man they had was Jimmy Dougherty—the 'Flea.' I claim that Jimmy would be a star if he were in the country, and the only thing that keeps him out of the league is his size—that and the size of his batting average. He's little, Jimmy played ball, I reckon, he weighs about a hundred pounds. There ain't anything to him but his nerve and his sliding pads. Yes, and his tongue. He's got a line of conversation that billets a fresh pain."

Jimmy led off in the batting order, and because he was so darned little he was a hard man to pitch to. He made a mighty heap harder by using a crouch and crowding on top of the plate. A man might as well try to pitch to a mosquito."

Jimmy Dougherty was the shortest man between the shoulders, and the knees that you meet every day in every crowd on top of the plate. A man might as well try to pitch to a mosquito."

He'd work you for a base on balls every other time up, and if he couldn't do that he would manage to get himself hit by a pitched ball. I've asked that little devil hard enough to up-and-down clear-store Indian; it never had no effect on him whatever except maybe to loosen up his tongue some. Then, if he'd dump the ball down from the front of the plate, and beat it to first base by a nose. That's how he come to have a batting average of two-thirteen last season. I'll bet you could hit the ball out of the infield 10 times all year."

It was when the little rat got down to first base that the real circus began. Everybody called him the Flea, and a mighty heap harder by using a crouch and crowding on top of the plate. A man might as well try to pitch to a mosquito."

It wasn't any manner of use to try and nail him at first with a throw to the Small—bless you, that was just what Jimmy wanted you to do. He'd monkey around there with his petty larceny lead until you'd make a low throw, or he would let one through him, and then sing; you couldn't hit the ball out of the infield 10 times all year."

Then there was only one thing left to do—to get the ball and leave it one base ahead of where you'd think he rightly ought to be at. (CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

AHEARN AFTER SCALPS OF HEAVY OPPONENTS

Middleweights Draw Line on Dancing Master and He Issues Defi to Heavyweights.

Following into the footsteps of Battling Levinisky, erstwhile Barney Williams, who as a middleweight was unable to get enough bouts to eat regularly, Young Ahearn, of Brooklyn, has issued a challenge to heavyweights, no white man barred, Ahearn, a legitimate middleweight, has been unable to get any of the "35" pounders to meet him, hence his anxiety for heavyweight bouts.

Al McCoy, George Chip, Mike Gibbons and Jimmy Clabby, according to Dan McKee, Ahearn's manager, all refuse to meet the dancing master. Why these fellows sit on the side-track Ahearn is a mystery. He is a clever two-handed fighter, but never dangerous. From a punching standpoint, Ahearn couldn't knock a hat off any one.

Just as a matter, whatever Ahearn's name is mentioned for a match, middleweights suddenly think of another engagement they have around the corner. Ahearn's deft to the big fellows goes for the best of them. Among Reynolds' opponents during his trip from home were Champion Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Dundee, Packer Hommey and Harry Condon.

The windup of the second show at the reopened Douglas Club, tonight, will bring together Eddie Revolve and Tommy Coleman. The Rumanian fighter, Alex Costica, will show in the semifinal.

West Philadelphia fight fans are requesting Matchmaker Charley Walsh of the Ludlow Club, to book Jimmy Murphy with a good lightweight at an early date. Murphy is a big favorite, pugilistically, across the Schuylkill.

Tonight at Ebbets' Field, Brooklyn, Johnny Dundee and Joe Rivers will meet in a 16-round bout, which will start at 8 o'clock.

George Chip will be married August 4, and he will honeymoon to California, where he expects to remain with his bride-to-be until September. He may not appear in the roped arena until October.

National League Park PHILLIES vs. CHICAGO. Games at 8:30 P. M. Admission, 25, 50 and 75-Cent Seats, \$1. On sale (limbs) & Spaulding.

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VERNACULAR OF GOLF PUZZLE TO BOTH PLAYER AND LAYMAN

"Bogey," "Par," "Stymie," "Dormie" and the Rest of the Terms Explained in A B C Fashion—Handicaps for Play at Philmont—Charles H. Hoffner, Woodbury, Plays Great Game.

Not the least of the intricacies of golf is the phraseology of the game. Many feel that they would be better players if they could master the lingo. The following A B C primer may be of help:

"Par" is the number of shots one is supposed to take for a hole. Two putts are allowed on every green. If the green may be reached in one shot, par is three; if in two shots, par is four.

"Bogey" is a score to play against. It is an imaginary opponent often referred to as "Colonel Bogey." "Par" takes into account the length of the hole, while "bogey" considers also the "troubles."

A player is "one up" when he makes a hole in fewer strokes than his opponent. The opponent is then "one down." If the latter wins the next hole, the players are "all square."

The expression "3 and 1" as the result of a match means that one player has won the match by three holes with one hole yet to play. This hole is called a "bye" hole and is not played because no matter what happens on it the result of the match will be the same.

A player is "dormie" when he has to win all the rest of the holes to "square" the match. For instance, he is "dormie" when he is three down and three to play.

If the golfer who was "three down" wins the rest of the holes the players are then "all square" or "even-up."

A hole is "halved" when both golfers require the same number of strokes to play it. A hole is "dead to the hole" when it is so close that it would be hard to miss the putt. When one ball is on top of the hole and in the line of the other ball there is a "stymie" if the second ball cannot go down ordinarily without knocking in the ball which is in the way.

When a hole is made in one stroke under par it is called a "bird." Two under par is an "eagle." The winged thing is yet to be born which could describe a hole in three under par.

The law allows two putts on every green. Most golfers would rather take three or four, while some cannot seem to get the ball in "nobow." A New Zealand "pro" steps up at this point.

He says if the golfer wishes to putt straight into the hole, to lay his right thumb straight down the shaft of his putter. If he wants to putt to the right of the hole because of a slope in the green then simply hold the thumb more to the right of the shaft, and if to the left of the hole more to the left of the shaft.

If the ball doesn't go in the first time, try again, we suppose. It is easy to figure out the angle of the thumb by trigonometry.

The idea at Philmont today is that if A gets an 89 and has a handicap of 30, he can turn in a card of 59. This will win him the prize, even though B, with a handicap of four, should turn in a nice 64.

In fact, A could afford to sneer at B's card. It might be a record and might win the low net prize, but who cares about that? There is no use in getting worked up over the matter, however, for neither of the above "ifs" is likely to happen.

This is the sixth time the golfers of Philly have girded up their loins in battle to see whether they have all been given the correct handicaps by the golf association of this city.

Each golfer that fails to win the contest claims that his handicap is unjust or he would have won. And there seems to be some ground for his argument. Only, unfortunately, many players do not have their annual golfing days when there is a tournament about.

But the committee knows its business. They showed the canny eye last year when there was a five-cornered tie and another tie in the play-off.

All the golfer has to do to finish with the leader is show his standard card. If he does a little better he may win. This event is always about the most popular on the schedule.

Charles H. Hoffner, the 18-year-old professional at Woodbury, showed unmistakable sign of a coming star when he finished just behind the tie of Gil Nichols and Wilfred Reid at Shawnee last week in the open championship of Pennsylvania play.

Hoffner plays in beautiful form, and it is felt by all who have seen him in action that as soon as he gets the steady-ness which a little more tournament play will give him he will be a big credit to Philadelphia golf.

Only last summer he was a caddy at the Cricket Club, being at Bala before that. He was born at Schuylkill Falls. He has been on the links around this city more or less ever since. He picked up his game and all he knows about half as a caddy hereabouts.

If Hoffner could have equaled his art-erious score at Shawnee in the morning he would have won the championship. As it was his golf was remarkable.

James Barnes, professional at White-mare, and Alec Duncan, ditto at the Cricket Club, had a little excitement between themselves at Sunnybrook yesterday, when they played a round over the "millionaires" course there.

The course, which was opened for play on May 13, this year, was found to be fairly smooth, though, of course, it has not settled to its best behavior as yet.

Barnes, who has a penchant for rough courses, had an elegant time and finished a "ree" in front of his younger opponent.

Both pros expressed the opinion that the course would see up with any local course if the greens kept up with the promise they give at present.

